

DOING BUSINESS IN RICHLAND COUNTY

What We Check For

A business license is the County's "seal of approval" for a business to operate within the areas of the county outside city limits. To operate lawfully, businesses must meet the County's and State's requirements for their business type.

Some County requirements:

- **Zoning approval:** All businesses must be zoned appropriately for their location.
- **Fire Marshal approval:** A business must be inspected for compliance with fire codes.
- **Business Personal Property Taxes:** All businesses with business personal property must be filing this tax accurately as well as current with all payments.
- **Hospitality Taxes:** All businesses selling prepared or modified foods or beverages must collect and remit this tax accurately as well as current with all payments..
- **Local Accommodations Taxes:** All businesses providing accommodations must collect and remit this tax accurately as well as current with all payments.
- **Hazardous Materials Permits:** All businesses which may have hazardous materials must submit a Hazardous Materials Certification Page or have a Hazardous Materials Permit.
- **Peddlers License:** Businesses, or people, selling goods door-to-door or in public places must have this license.
- **Precious Metals Permit:** Businesses buying precious or semi-precious metals or gems from the public must have this permit.
- **Business Licenses:** All businesses must have a business license for each year they are open.

Some State requirements:

- **Alcohol License:** Businesses selling alcohol must have a current, applicable alcohol license.
- **Food License:** Businesses selling food must be inspected for compliance with health codes.
- **Retail License:** Businesses selling retail goods must have a current retail license.
- **Occupational License:** All individuals in occupations regulated by the State LLR Dept. must have a current occupational license.